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CALLS CHURCH TO PREPARE THE WAY

Methodist Minister Delivers First Sermon of Westminster Revival.

The Westminster Presbyterian church revival services last night were conducted by the Rev. C. O. Beckman. Those present were deeply impressed by the earnest appeal of the preacher, which was to the church members, urging them to action.

Mr. Beckman spoke from the text: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Matt. 3:3. He said in part:

"I understand you are to have a rain from away come and conduct evangelistic services for you. I have been asked to supply until his arrival, Wednesday evening. I am not the pastor of this church nor the evangelist who speaks with that authority, but am 'A voice crying in the wilderness.' 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.' 'It will be impossible for this man or any one man, though his heart be set on fire by God, and his words burn with passion, to convert the hearts of the people for a social visitation of God and His power without help. This call of John's came to God's peculiar people, the Jewish nation. This call of mine comes to God's people belonging to Westminster Presbyterian church. Then as now there must be a preparation for the coming of the great king. Co-agency of the people who call themselves Christians, who are members of this church is utterly indispensable in bringing to pass the manifestations of the power of God in and over human lives to ultimately save them."

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"If Jesus Christ ever comes to this church in all His glory, it will be because the membership of this church 'Prepare their hearts before Him.' Who must prepare? The members of this church. It is only as we have a purified or clean membership that we can have the power of God manifested in the saving of souls."

"If you are going to help prepare the way of the Lord for the salvation of those who rightfully belong to this church, you must love your neighbor as yourself. A Christian may esteem himself as highly as he pleases, so long as he keeps God foremost, and also as self-love rises his love for his neighbor ascends."

"But who is my neighbor? Jesus says it is anyone who is in need of my help. Pray and work for your children and friends. And, lastly, 'Love your enemies.' If you fail in this you fail altogether. Your prayers will not ascend above the tip of your nose if you have bitterness in your heart. Jesus says, 'Except you forgive men their trespasses against you, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses.'"

The gospel singing added much to the effectiveness of the preacher's appeal. Edward McKenzie, with a chorus of singers, led the congregation.

Services will be held tonight at 7:30, conducted by Mr. Beckman.

Wednesday night Mr. Fincher will take charge of the services, holding daily meetings afternoon and night.

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SPANISH-AMERICAN GUESTS ATTEND LODGE SESSIONS IN EL PASO

The Mayors of El Paso and Juarez Bid the Guests Welcome—Many Lodges Are Represented.

Grouped in the big Fraternal Brotherhood hall in the form of the laurel wreath, the victorious emblem of their order, with the mayors of El Paso and Juarez, clasp hands on the raised dais to represent the clasped hands of the Spanish-American lodge, the supreme council of the Allanza Hispano-Americana heard the addresses of welcome that were delivered Monday afternoon by mayor Felix Barcenas, of Ciudad Juarez; Joseph U. Sweeney, mayor of El Paso; Dr. J. A. Samaniego, president of Morelos lodge, No. 24, of El Paso; and D. M. Payne, on behalf of the El Paso chamber of commerce.

The response to these addresses was made by president Sam. Brown, of the supreme council. The president of the allanza spoke briefly. He thanked the speakers for their words of welcome and their manifestation of good will, and stated that none of the visiting delegates would find it necessary to accept the offer of mayor Barcenas and mayor Sweeney to get them out of jail while in El Paso or Juarez, or the offer of D. M. Payne to agree to furnish bonds for them in case they should come in contact with the law.

His object. Seriously, the head of the organization of Spanish-American citizens stated the one purpose of the order. "As citizens of the two republics," he said, "the order was instituted for the betterment of humanity. We come from all parts of the southwestern country in order to stimulate the interest in the society on this side, and across the river in the grand old state of Chihuahua (applause). We are all Americans. Give us a helping hand. If you cannot assimilate with us as members, help us to achieve our nation and your work will always be appreciated by those dear to our hearts, the widows and orphans of our members."

After the formal addresses of welcome and response had been made, a photograph of the entire council was made, with mayor Sweeney, mayor Barcenas and the officers of the allanza sitting together on the platform of the Fraternal Brotherhood hall. Before business sessions followed, during which the preliminary work of organizing for the business meeting, which is to last through the week.

The delegates from the 48 lodges which make up the allanza, and at least 250 are expected here by this evening. In addition to the official delegates, the members of the different lodges and their wives are attending the supreme council session at Chihuahua Sunday.

In the Hall. Arranged along the west wall of the convention hall are a number of the banners which were brought by the delegates to the convention. In the center of this group of silk banners is the one belonging to El Paso lodge, No. 24. It is the most beautiful and costly one in the allanza, and was purchased by the El Paso lodge at a cost of \$380.

It is a solid mass of gold cord and gold embroidery. In the center is a likeness of Morelos, the Mexican president after whom the lodge was named. Under the figure of the Mexican hero are the clasped hands which signify so much to the members of the order. One of these hands is the hand of the laborer, while the other is that of the man in the higher station of life. These hands are clasped in the grasp of friendship, and the emblematic figure is surrounded by a wreath of laurel worked in gold thread, signifying the victory of peace which had resulted from the uniting of these two classes. The banner is made of heavy satin and silk cloth, backed with silk, and suspended from a heavy brass standard. The name and number of the El Paso lodge, together with the letters "E. P. A." which are the initials of the motto of the allanza, "Protection, Morality and Instruction."

Those Present. Among the other banners that are on display at the convention hall is one of the Melchior Ocampo lodge, No. 12, of Metcalf, Ariz.; Santa Monica, Cal. lodge, No. 33; Santa Rita, N. M. lodge, No. 21; Long Beach, Cal. lodge, No. 31; Los Angeles lodge, No. 28; San Diego lodge, No. 27; Ciudad Juarez lodge, "Paso del Norte," No. 30; Hillsboro, N. M. lodge, No. 18; and Douglas lodge, No. 20. Each of these banners is decorated with the emblem of the lodge on silk or satin field, and with

the flags of the United States and Mexico on it. These banners will be carried in the parade, should it be decided to have one during the convention here, and they will also be taken to Chihuahua on the excursion Sunday.

NOTES OF THE CONVENTION. President Sam. Brown, who has his name S-A-M. There are no frills to his handle, he says, no more than there is to his Arizona sixshooter. President Brown is city marshal of Tempe, Ariz., when he is not presiding at the meetings of the allanza.

The Las Cruces delegation from Washington lodge, No. 22, is in evidence at all of the sessions of the supreme council, and the upper valley delegates are taking an active part in the convention week proceedings.

H. V. Anaya, deputy United States marshal for Arizona, is here as a delegate from the Tucson lodge. Deputy sheriff Anaya is one of the best known peace officers of the territory.

Jose Escalada, of the El Paso lodge, is one of the reception committee, and is seeing that the visitors do not miss anything during the week.

The Herald report that the house of representatives has passed the Arizona-New Mexico statehood bill Monday afternoon, was announced by president Brown at the beginning of the business session, and was received with prolonged cheers.

Pete Candelaria, clerk of the corporation court of El Paso, is one of the active members of the allanza, and is attending each of the sessions.

Mayor Sweeney wore his broadest smile when the photographer snapped the picture of the convention Monday afternoon.

Each of the members of the Morelos lodge was proud of their president, Dr. J. A. Samaniego, after he had made his eloquent address of welcome on behalf of the El Paso lodge.

To hear addresses, both in Spanish and English, without the necessity of an interpreter was a novel part of the welcome reception. All the delegates and members understand and speak both English and Spanish equally well, and there is no need for an interpreter at any of the meetings.

PAY YOUR TAXES TO THE COLLECTOR

Property Owners Try Many Offices Before Getting Right One.

"Where do I pay my taxes?" is a question asked at the courthouse more often than any other these days because the time is fast nearing the end when a person can get in with his money without having to pay interest. The same question is asked by those who desire to take out poll taxes, though the latter are not so numerous and are always men, while many taxpayers who do not know where to leave their money are women.

They go up to the district clerk's office, down into the justice clerk's office, to the sheriff's office, to the county clerk's office, and some even go to the school superintendent and county attorney with their money, but none of these can accept it. The walls are plastered with signs reading pay your taxes at the office of the county collector.

This office is located on the main floor of the courthouse in the southeast corner, where the county clerk formerly received deeds and other papers to be filed.

On this account some folk do not know where the county collector is, for they have not visited the courthouse since the new building was constructed, and the collector took the old office of the county clerk.

One officer suggests that the county collector might employ a professional jurist, out of work, but possessed of a good address, to stand in the middle of the hall and call out frequently, "This way to pay your county taxes and get your poll tax receipt."

THE DAILY RECORD.

To Geo. Bauhoff, change in roof of building on lot 1; and west half of lot 10, block 31, Sunset Heights addition; estimated cost \$250.

To I. C. Ruby, stone residence, 28x 28 1/2 feet, lots 15 and 16, block 72, Highland Park addition; estimated cost \$2000.

To Dr. S. T. Turner, new glass front and remove awning in front of building on south side of San Antonio street, between Stanton and Broadway streets; estimated cost \$150.

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Mountain avenue, between Lackland and Parto streets, Grandview—Grandview Realty company to Elbel M. Tulloch, lots 2 to 10, block 77, Grandview addition; consideration \$1200. Jan. 15, 1910.

Northwest corner Lawton and Roosevelt avenues; Mundy Heights—J. C. Huff to M. M. Kerby, lots 1 and 2, inclusive, block 1, Mundy Heights addition; consideration \$7000. Jan. 11, 1910.

North Kansas street, between Cliff and Hill streets, Alexander addition—J. C. Huff to A. H. Anderson, lots 5, 6 and 7, block 4, Alexander addition; consideration \$2000. Jan. 12, 1910.

Northwest corner River and North Ochoa streets, Alexander addition—A. H. Anderson to M. M. Kerby, west 40 feet of east 32 feet of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, west 40 feet of east 32 feet, south 16 feet of lot 5, block 33, Alexander addition; consideration \$1075. Jan. 15, 1910.

Garden addition—L. B. Want to Jesus Christ, 1600 square feet in block P4, Garden addition; consideration \$200. Jan. 15, 1910.

Hills street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, Magoffin addition—El Paso Realty and Improvement company to Piller Teller, lots 21 feet of lot 17, block 42, Magoffin addition; consideration \$200. Jan. 11, 1910.

Hills street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, Magoffin addition—El Paso Realty and Improvement company to Marcotino River, lots 18 and south 1 foot of lot 17, block 42, Magoffin addition; consideration \$250. Jan. 11, 1910.

El Paso county—T. A. Hallihan and wife to J. M. Barnes, 16.64 acres in El Paso grant; consideration \$745. Dec. 31, 1909.

Tobin, Texas—Frank R. Tobin to Eugene Saffers, lots 7 and 8, block 6, Tobin, Texas; consideration \$24. Feb. 4, 1908.

Clint, Texas—Jesus Cobos to Gorgonio Trujillo, lots 8 and 9, block 8, Cobos's addition to Clint, Texas; consideration \$24. July 31, 1907.

Clint, Texas—Jesus Cobos to Atencio Gomez, lot 2, block 8, Cobos's addition to Clint, Texas; consideration \$12. July 31, 1909.



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THE CIRCULAR STAIRCASE

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(Continued From Yesterday).

This last question, it seemed to me, was answered. In some way the woman had learned of the substitution, and had tried to use her knowledge for blackmail. Nina Carrington's own story died with her, but, however it happened, it was clear that she had carried her knowledge to Halsey the afternoon Gertrude and I were looking for clues to the man I had shot on the east veranda. Halsey had been half crazed by what he heard; it was evident that Louise was marrying Dr. Walker to keep the shameful secret, for her mother's sake. Halsey, always reckless, had gone at once to Dr. Walker and denounced him. There had been a scene, and he left on his way to the station to meet and notify Mr. Jamieson of what he had learned.

The doctor was active mentally and physically. Accompanied perhaps by Riggs, who had shown himself not overcautious until he quarreled with his employer, he had gone across to the railroad embankment, and, by jumping in front of the car, had caused Halsey to swerve. The rest of the story we knew.

That was my reconstructed theory of that afternoon and evening; it was almost correct—not quite.

There was a telegram that morning from Gertrude.

Halsey conscious and improving. Probably home in day or so.

With Halsey found and improving in health, and with at last something to work on, I began that day, Thursday, with fresh courage. As Mr. Jamieson had said, the lines were closing up. That I was to be caught and almost finished in the closing was happily unknown to us all.

It was late when I got up. I lay in my bed, looking around the four walls of the room, and trying to imagine behind what one of them a secret chamber might lie. Certainly, in daylight, Sunnyside deserved its name; never was a house more cheery and open, less sinister in general appearance. There was not a corner apparently that was not open and above-board, and yet, somewhere behind its handsomely papered walls I believed firmly that there lay a hidden room, with all the possibilities it would involve.

I made a mental note to have the house measured during the day to discover any discrepancy between the outer and inner walls, and I tried to recall again the exact wording of the paper Jamieson had found.

The slip had said "chimney." It was the only clue, and a house as large as Sunnyside was full of them. There was an open fireplace in my dressing room, but none in the bedroom, and as I lay there, looking around, I thought of something that made me sit up suddenly. The trunk room, just over my head, had an open fireplace and a brick chimney, and yet there was nothing of the kind in my room. I got out of bed and examined the opposite wall closely.

There was apparently no fire, and I knew there was none in the hall just beneath. The house was heated by steam, as I have said before. In the living room was a huge open fireplace, but it was on the other side.

Why did the trunk room have both a radiator and an open fireplace? Architects were not usually erratic. It was not 15 minutes before I was upstairs, armed with a tape-measure in lieu of a foot-rule, eager to justify Mr. Jamieson's opinion of my intelligence, and firmly resolved not to tell him of my suspicion until I had more than theory to go on. The hole in the

trunk room wall still yawned there, between the chimney and the outer wall. I examined it again, with no new result. The space between the brick wall and the plaster and lath one, however, had a new significance. The hole showed only one side of the chimney, and I determined to investigate what lay in the space on the other side of the mantel.

I had a blister on my palm when I last the hatchet went through and fell with what sounded like the report of a gun to my overstrained nerves. I sat on a trunk, waiting to hear Liddy fly up the stairs, with the household behind her, like the tail of a comet. But nothing happened, and with a growing feeling of uncanniness I set to work enlarging the opening.

The result was absolutely nil. When I could hold a lighted candle in the opening I saw precisely what I had seen on the other side of the chimney—a space between the true wall and the false one, possibly seven feet long and about three feet wide. It was in no sense of the word a secret chamber, and it was evident it had not been disturbed since the house was built. It was a supreme disappointment.

It had been Mr. Jamieson's idea that the hidden room, if there was one, would be found somewhere near the circular staircase. In fact, I knew that he had once investigated the entire length of the clothes chute, hanging to a rope, with this in view. I was reluctantly about to concede that he had been right, when my eyes fell on the mantel and fireplace. The latter had evidently never been used; it was closed with a metal fire front, and only when the front refused to move, and investigation showed that it was not intended to be moved, did my spirits revive.

I hurried into the next room. Yes, sure enough, there was a similar mantel and fireplace there, similarly closed. In both rooms the chimney flue extended well out from the wall. I measured with the tape-line, my

hands trembling so that I could scarcely hold it. They extended two feet and a half into each room, which with the three feet of space between the two partitions, made eight feet to be accounted for. Eight feet in one direction and almost seven in the other—that a chimney? It was!

But I had only located the hidden room. I was not in it, and no amount of pressing on the carving of the wooden mantels, no search of the floors for loose boards, none of the customary methods availed at all. That there was a means of entrance, and probably a simple one, I could be certain. But what? What would I find if I did get in? Was the detective right, and were the bonds and money from the Traders' bank there? Or was our whole theory wrong? Would not Paul Armstrong have taken his booty with him? If he had not, and if Dr. Walker was in the secret, he would have known how to enter the chimney room. Then—who had dug the other hole in the false partition?

(To be continued).



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